

Minutes
APS Users Organization Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 9, 2012
Building 401, Fifth Floor Gallery
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Outgoing Chair: Peter Eng
Incoming Chair: Pamela Focia

Attendees: Assoufid, Lahsen; Brown, Dennis; Dufresne, Eric; Eng, Peter; Focia, Pamela; Gerig, Rod; Kropf, Jeremy; Leheny, Bob; Mao, Wendy; Miller, Matthew; Mills, Denny; Sandy, Alec; Srajer, George; Stephenson, Brian; Strasser, Susan; Tiede, David; Vanni, Connie; and Young, Linda

The group was welcomed and the newly elected members were introduced (Mark Daymond, Eric Landahl, Karen Mulfort, and Oleg Shpyrko). Focia recognized of retiring members (D. Brown, J. Kropf, A. Sandy, W. Mao, and departing *ex officio* chair D. Tiede) and thanked them for their service. Focia also reminded the members that at the next meeting, a Vice Chair would be elected and preliminary planning committees would be identified. Eng reviewed the overall purpose and mission for the APSUO.

Stephenson also welcomed the group and expressed his appreciation for their commitment and effort. He discussed the importance of the input received from the APSUO Steering Committee to the APS. He also noted that the APSUO plays a crucial role in the annual Users Meeting, which is an important scientific highlight at the facility. Stephenson mentioned that the APSUO also has an advocacy role that is linked to the National User Facility Organization, or NUFO, that can have a strong, positive impact for the APS user community.

Strasser provided a general overview of NUFO and its mission for user facilities across the country. Dufresene, Brown, and Strasser then discussed with the group recent participations in the National Science and Engineering Festivals with Eng reinforcing the importance of such activities and the future role that NUFO will continue to play in relation to the APS user community.

Next APSUO Meeting: To be determined.